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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003; this extension will allow applicants up to and including January 30, 2004 within which to respond.

A fee transmittal form, as well as authorization for credit card payment of the extension of time fee, are attached.

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